

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT**

September 29, 2020

The Called Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened in the Isensee Board Room, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, by video teleconference, with the following present:

**From the Board:**

Ms. Carol Scott, Dr. Nicholas Adame, Ms. Libby Averyt, Mr. Ed Bennett, Ms. Elva Estrada, Ms. Susan Hutchinson, Mr. Hector Salinas and Dr. Mary Sherwood.

**From the College:**

Dr. Mark Escamilla, President and CEO; Mr. Raul Garcia, Vice President and CFO; Ms. Lenora Keas, Executive Vice President and COO; Ms. Tammy McDonald, Vice President of Administration and Human Resources; Mr. August Alfonso, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Dr. Rito Silva, Vice President of Student Affairs; Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel; Mr. John Strybos, Vice President and Chief Physical Facilities Officer; Ms. Lorette Williams, Executive Director of Strategic Communication and Government Relations; Dr. Natalie Villarreal, Director of External & Board Relations; Mary McQueen, Executive Director, Development; Delia Perez, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President & Board Liaison, and other staff and faculty.

**CALL TO ORDER QUORUM CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/VISION STATEMENT**

Ms. Scott called the meeting to order with a quorum present. She requested a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Del Mar College Vision Statement.

Due to the health and safety concerns and the Coronavirus Pandemic Crisis, this meeting was conducted by video and/or teleconference and was conducted in accordance with the Texas Governor's Office and the Texas Attorney General's Office. Provisions were made for the public to participate in this meeting with public comments.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** – The public was given the opportunity to provide public comments (both general and specific to any agenda item) by calling a toll-free phone line prior to the Board meeting and registering with their name and subject of public comment.

There were no public comments made for this meeting.

At 9:08 a.m., the Chair announced the Board was going into Closed Session pursuant to:

**1. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to:**

- A. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071:** (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer; and, the seeking of legal advice from counsel, with possible discussion and action in open session; and,
- B. **TEX. GOV'T. CODE § 551.074(a)(1)** (Personnel Matters), regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; including Appointment to fill District 1 Regent Vacancy, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:16 a.m.

There was no action taken in this Closed Session.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**2. Discussion and possible action relating to Appointment to fill District 1 Regent Vacancy including Applicant Interviews .....Ms. Carol Scott (Goal 5: Workforce Development, Community Partnerships, and Advocacy)**

The applicants were allowed an opportunity to make a brief opening statement to introduce themselves and were then asked the following questions:

- 1. What makes Del Mar College's Mission powerful for you?
- 2. What is a Regent's role in a Community College and how would you carry out that role?
- 3. What do you believe you would bring to the Board of Regents that makes you unique and best qualified to serve?

The candidates were asked additional questions by individual Board Members and provided an opportunity to give a closing statement.

At 10:14 a.m., the Chair announced the Board was going into Closed Session pursuant to:

**3. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to:**

- A. **TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071:** (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer; and, the seeking of legal advice from counsel, with possible discussion and action in open session; and,
- B. **TEX. GOV'T. CODE § 551.074(a)(1)** (Personnel Matters), regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; including Appointment to fill District 1 Regent Vacancy, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:29 a.m.

Regent Salinas made a motion to nominate Mr. Rudy Garza, Jr. for the District 1 Regent vacancy. Regent Estrada seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed, 8-0 amongst Regents present, with Regents Adame, Averyt, Bennett, Estrada, Hutchinson, Salinas, Scott, and Sherwood in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED BY GC: /s/ARjr